

SUTTON United meet fellow Berger Isthmian League Premier Division title chasers Wycombe Wanderers for the third time this season at Gander Green Lane on Saturday but, on this occasion, it is a place in the third round of the FA Trophy that is at stake writes Ross Taylor.

Wycombe reached that stage in 1978-79, beating renowned Cup fighters Blyth Spartans on the way, before losing to Haynes.

For U's any round beyond the first is uncharted territory because this is the first time they have moved past the initial stage of the competition proper.

The teams have shared the BIL points this season with Sutton winning 2-0 at Gander Green Lane in at the end of August and Wycombe 3-1 at Loakes Park in mid-December giving what boss Mike Keen described as "our best display of the season so far."

Keen added: "At least Sutton will allow us to play football, unlike some of the Northern teams we could have drawn. I've got a healthy respect for Barrie Williams and his players, especially Larry Pritchard, who was with us for four years."

U's will have to watch out for Wycombe's free scoring strike force of Terry Glynn, signed from Enfield in the close season for a bargain £750 and Steve Long who have scored 19 and 15 goals respectively this season including one apiece in the 3-1 win over Sutton.



WYCOMBE dangerman Terry Glynn, who has scored 19 goals this season.

It will not be a full strength Wycombe side that faces U's; centre-half Steve Hardwick and midfielder Jimmy Jacobs are definitely out.

Hardwick is in the middle of a three match suspension, after

being ordered off during Wycombe's 1-0 win at Southern League Cheltenham and Jacobs has chosen the day to get married.

Also doubtful is long serving defender Keith Mead with a calf injury. A definite starter is the club's record signing, George Borg who cost £2,000 from Dulwich Hamlet.

U's expect to be able to select from a full strength squad, barring injuries in last night (Tuesday's) Surrey Senior Cup replay with Carshalton.

If a replay should be needed it will be at Loakes Park on Tuesday.

On the transfer front Micky Cornwell has been loaned to Epsom for a month for the dual purpose of giving the player the first team football he desires and to help out the West Street club as they bid to increase their strikepower.

Receive team centre half Roger Wyett has left the club to go to America to study for his master's degree at the University of Los Angeles, California.

Wyett, 25, was in his second spell at Gander Green Lane and was a regular member of the first team squad this season making 12 appearances, before going into hospital to have a kidney operation.

While in America Wyett hopes to turn out in the North American Soccer League for California Surf.

'Clink' goes to Fulham

TOMORROW'S F.A. Trophy tie at Sutton United will be the last for Wycombe's popular physiotherapist John Clinkard, who has been appointed to the top job at Fulham Football Club.

Clinkard, a qualified remedial gymnast, took over the post at Loakes Park in August 1979 just after taking up a sports injuries job at Farnham Park Rehabilitation Centre near Slough.

A former footballer with Kidlington, Clinkard, now 26, has achieved an ambition by being appointed to a Football League club.

"I've really been looking forward to this kind of job for the past 12 months. But I'll be sorry to leave Wycombe, where I've learned a hell of a lot," he said this week.

His aim is eventually to go to Chelsea, the club he supports fervently. He applied for a job there earlier in the season. But there was no vacancy.

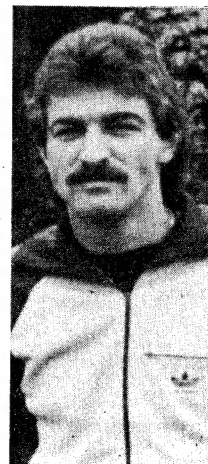
No rugby

'Clink', as he is known to the players, takes over at Fulham on Monday, although it will be on a part-time basis for three weeks until he is released from Farnham Park.

His job will be strictly confined to footballing injuries. He will have no part

with the rugby league set-up at Craven Cottage.

Dave Springell, Wycombe's reserve team physio, will take over Clinkard's role, while the club are now looking for someone to take over from Springell.



JOHN CLINKARD
... popular physio

Schools

HIGH Wycombe Schools under 15 team, who captured the public imagination by reaching the last eight of the nationwide English Schools Trophy, entertain Brierley Hill and Dudley in the quarter-finals at Loakes Park on Monday February 16, kick-off 7.30.

Tony Price is Dulwich bound

TONY Price, who left Wycombe Wanderers last week to take up a job in South London has been approached by fellow Isthmian League side Dulwich Hamlet.

Dulwich manager Alan Smith offered the winger terms in mid-week and was expecting to receive a reply by the end of the week.

There was speculation that Price, who has moved home to Orpington in Kent, might join Sutton after he had turned up at Gander Green Lane last Saturday for the Surrey Senior Cup match against Carshalton.

But manager Mike Keen said there was no chance of Price, who is not cup-tied, joining a side still in the FA Trophy. Although Wanderers are not asking for a transfer fee, they still retain his registration.

Gary Toll, the Wycombe striker, has been watched in recent weeks by a scout from Birmingham City.